

# WHAT'S *New* in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers  
in the District of Columbia*

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## JANUARY "OFFICERS OF THE MONTH" ARE RECOGNIZED

Earlier this year, Officer Larry Martin of the Sixth District was monitoring a radio assignment for a man with a gun in the 300 block of 37th Street, SE, when he observed the suspect running and began to pursue him. As the suspect reached the 400 block of 37th Street, SE, he stopped behind a trash dumpster and removed a Smith and Wesson 9mm semi-automatic handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the officers on the scene. Officer Martin drew his service pistol and discharged one round at the suspect; the round did not take effect. The suspect immediately dropped his weapon to the ground and began running to the intersection of 37th Street and Ely Place, SE, where he was apprehended without incident. When the suspect was placed in custody, he was found to be wearing a ballistics vest. Further investigation revealed that the suspect's handgun had been reported stolen from Fairfax, Virginia. For his quick actions and bravery in removing a dangerous armed offender from the streets, Officer Martin was recently honored during the CHAMPS Awards luncheon for January. He was one of 17 MPDC members recognized for outstanding performance at the monthly ceremony.

- ① Read about all of their actions at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1234,q,558953,mpdcNav\\_GID,1544.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1234,q,558953,mpdcNav_GID,1544.asp)
- ① CHAMPS (Capital Hotels Award Metropolitan Police Service) is a monthly awards program hosted by the Hotel Association of Washington, DC. The January awards luncheon was hosted by the Hay Adams Hotel in Northwest.
- ① The MPDC recently held its 6th Annual Awards Ceremony at DAR Constitution Hall. Read the news release and access the program book at:  
<http://app.mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=259000>

## MPDC SUPPORT "NETSMARTZ" INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM

The MPDC's School Safety Division is supporting a new partnership between the DC Office of the Attorney General (OAG) with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to help children stay safe on the Internet. To kick off this partnership with NCMEC, Attorney General Robert Spagnoletti this past week hosted a NetSmartz Internet safety assembly at Terrell Junior High School in Northwest. With more than a dozen MPDC School Resource Officers in attendance, the assembly helped to educate 8th and 9th grade students, parents, and teachers about how to help protect children and teens from online predators. According to the NCMEC, approximately 1 in 5 children online received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet. And 1 in 33 received an aggressive sexual solicitation that included an invitation to meet in person. The NetSmartz Workshop is a free educational safety resource created by the NCMEC and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. NetSmartz combines the newest technologies available and the most current information to create high-impact, age-appropriate materials for grades K-12. Additional workshops are planned at other DC schools in the coming months.

- ① Parents, guardians, educators and law enforcement officers have access to resources for learning and teaching about the dangers children may face online at:  
<http://www.netsmartz.org>

## ADDITIONAL CIVILIAN JOB VACANCIES ANNOUNCED BY MPDC

The MPDC is currently accepting applications for various civilian positions within the agency, including several new postings in the past week. New openings include the following: a Compliance Monitor in the Office of Professional Responsibility (DS-1801-11), a Supply Management Specialist in the Equipment and Supply Branch (DS-2003-11), a Uniform Crime Reporting Coordinator in the Office of Organizational Development (DS-0301-12), and two Secretary positions (DS-318-07). The Department also continues to seek candidates for other civilian positions, including part-time Crossing Guards. The closing dates for the new positions are in late January. Salaries, tours of duty and other elements of the jobs vary. The MPDC employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions.

## DECEMBER PHOTO ENFORCEMENT RESULTS RELEASED; SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS ACHIEVED AT NEW LOCATIONS

DC's red-light and photo radar camera programs continue to produce positive safety results for city motorists, according to the latest data for December. The numbers show that red-light running is down more than 74 percent at the 49 intersections equipped with cameras. That is the equivalent of 31,200 fewer violations each month at the intersections. Particularly encouraging have been the dramatic reductions in violations at the 10 newest red-light camera locations, which were installed in the summer and fall of 2005. At each of these locations, red-light running violations have dropped by more than half. For example, the number of violations at Pennsylvania Avenue and 27th Street, SE, has fallen nearly 85 percent, from 983 violations in July 2005 (the first full month of operation) to 148 December. Photo radar results for December show that while a record number of vehicles (more than 2.6 million) were monitored by the speeding reduction cameras during the month, only 3.1 percent were found to be speeding aggressively (that is, traveling above the threshold speed established for the program). Comparing recent Decembers, the aggressive speeding rate for the month has declined sharply over the past five years: from 17 percent in December 2001, to 4 percent in December 2004, and 3.1 percent last month.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Taxicab Robbery Suspect Sought.** The MPDC is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect in a recent robbery of a taxicab driver in Northwest. On January 5, at about 8:50 pm, the suspect entered the cab at 16th and Van Buren Streets, NW, and asked the driver to take him to the 700 block of Marietta Place, NW. While in the 800 block of Marietta Place, NW, the subject demanded and received cash from the cab driver before making good his escape. The driver was not injured. For more information, including a composite sketch of the suspect, visit: <http://app.mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=284000>.

**Residential Street Sweeping Suspended.** As it does every winter, the DC Department of Public Works is temporarily suspending routine residential street cleaning from January 9 to March 17, 2006. During this time, "No Parking/Street Cleaning" restrictions will be lifted. For more information, go to [http://dpw.dc.gov/dpw/cwp/view,A,1201,Q,634224,dpwNav\\_GID,1479,asp](http://dpw.dc.gov/dpw/cwp/view,A,1201,Q,634224,dpwNav_GID,1479,asp).

① Details on the current vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538142.asp>

① The MPDC is also looking for volunteers to join the MPDC's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPDC in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547109.asp>

① For information about sworn career opportunities in the MPDC — including recruit and lateral-hire officers — go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538009.asp>

① View the latest results from the red-light camera program at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,Q,547886,mpdcNav\\_GID,1552,mpdcNav,1,asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,Q,547886,mpdcNav_GID,1552,mpdcNav,1,asp)

① For summary statistics on DC's photo radar speeding reduction program, go to:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,Q,548110,mpdcNav\\_GID,1552,mpdcNav,131886,asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1240,Q,548110,mpdcNav_GID,1552,mpdcNav,131886,asp)

### DATA BOX

Homicides as of 1/13/06

- ◆ 2006: 4
- ◆ 2005: 6
- ◆ % Change: -33.3%
- ◆ Closure Rate: 75.0% (3 closures)

Adult Arrests week end. 1/7/06

- ◆ Total: 808
- ◆ Weapons: 34
- ◆ Robbery: 8
- ◆ Auto Theft: 31
- ◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 50

Juvenile Activity week end. 1/7/06

- ◆ Arrests: 64
- ◆ Curfew Violators: 39
- ◆ Truants: 0

Firearm Recoveries as of 1/12/06

- ◆ January: 86
- ◆ 2006 Total: 86
- ◆ 2005 Total (year-end): 2,344

Traffic Fatalities as of 1/13/06

- ◆ 2006: 1
- ◆ 2005: 1
- ◆ % Change: Unchanged

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